

## COOPERATIVE SPAM CONTROL

### ABSTRACT

A method, system and apparatus for cooperative spam control. A cooperative spam control method can include the step of accepting an electronic spam notification received from a peer e-mail recipient in a common computing group identifying a spam message received by the peer e-mail recipient. The method further can include the step of storing the notification. Finally, if an e-mail is subsequently received which corresponds to the identified spam message, the received e-mail can be processed as spam. In a preferred aspect of the invention, the method also can include the steps of determining that a received e-mail is spam; and, communicating an electronic spam notification identifying the received e-mail determined to be spam to other peer e-mail recipients in the common computing group.